

end the moment there was nothing more to be gained from Napoleon or his brother. It was all proper and decorous to retain the title of King of Wtirttemberg, which the former Duke and then Elector had owed to the exile of St. Helena, but King Frederick, and still less his son William, who succeeded him in 1816, could not comprehend Catherine's clinging to her husband when he had lost his kingdom. "I was a Queen; I am still a wife and mother," wrote the Princess to her disgusted father. Another complaint against this extraordinary Princess was that she actually saw Las Cases on his return from St. Helena, and thus obtained news of the exile.<sup>1</sup>

After constant ill treatment Jerome and his wife, as the Count and Countess of Montfort, a rank the King of Wiirtem-berg afterwards raised to Prince, were allowed to proceed to Hamburg near Vienna, then to Florence, and, later, to Trieste, where Jerome was when his sister Elisa died. In 1828 they were permitted to go to Rome, and in 1835 they went to Lausanne, where his true-hearted wife died the same year. Jerome went to Florence, and lived to see the revival of the Empire, and to once more enjoy the rank of a French Prince. He died in 1860 at the chateau of Villegenis in France, and was buried in the Invaliden.

The mother of the Emperor, Letitia in 1814, had retained her title of Imperatrice Mere, and had retired to Rome. She then went to Elba in June, and staid there with her daughter Pauline until Napoleon had sailed from France. On 2d March, 1814, she went from Elba to San Vicenzo near Leghorn, and then to "Rome. Her son sent a frigate for her, the *Melpomene*, which was captured by the English *Howli*;<sup>2</sup> another vessel, the *Dryad*, brought her to France, and she joined Napoleon in Paris. One must have a regard, for this simple old lady, who was always careful and Having, only half believing in the stability of the Empire; and, like a true mother, always most attentive to the most unfortunate, of her children. Her life had been full of startling changes, and it must have been strange for the woman who had been hunted out of Cor-

<sup>1</sup> See Catherine's own account in *iv*nimil, *tottw* III. pp.

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\* James's *Naml **History***, vol. **vL p. 227**.